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DUKAKIS VISITS N.E.C.C.

By Norm Baratelli

Governor Michael Dukakis spent the early hours of Thursday afternoon, October 14, at a luncheon press conference in the Northern Essex cafeteria that was attended by some students and faculty.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide some information in the field of state economic affairs in relationship to community colleges.

The governor stated that "we are out of the worst of a very difficult period," and, although he does not foresee any more cutbacks he also does not foresee much expansion due to the tight money situation.

Dukakis indicated that the community colleges are a unique link between education and economic development. To quote the governor, "There is a direct link between job training efforts and NECC, and to the extent that this is successful we may very well have the basis for something a lot broader using the community college as a training resource for people who otherwise conceivably would be relegated to the welfare roles on a generational basis, year after year."

Jack Aronson, representative of the NECC Faculty Association, raised the issue of a faculty pay increase pointing out the fact that there have been no increases in pay for the last three years and wondered "What is in the cards for the rest of '76?"

The governor responded that negotiations with the Alliance of Non-Teaching State Employees are still underway. Funds have been appropriated for additional compensation for faculty and administration. However, he doesn't feel comfortable "sitting on that" and he would hope that the matter will be resolved satisfactorily by the end of the year. "I would be very, very distressed if we found ourselves in January of next year in the same place as we are now."

The governor supports the bottle bill and thinks "it is time to clean up this state!"

Dukakis said, "The environment is an economic asset, for tourism, and the bill would not entail any significant economic loss. We currently spend \$3 million of taxpayers' money just picking up trash along the highways, parks and beaches. If the bill is passed the chances are good that Massachusetts could become a regional center for production of returnable containers, creating more jobs for the region."



Governor Dukakis addresses students and faculty at N.E.C.C. courtesy of the Haveril Gazette Gallagher Photo

What does the governor feel about nuclear power? He doesn't want to see "all our energy eggs in the nuclear basket" and cited safety hazards and increased building costs as reasons against developing nuclear power.

"A search for non-polluting, reuseable energy is the direction in which we should head. We have 50% more generating capacity than we need so it is favorable for creating alternative energy supplies."

The governor is against a state monopoly on utilities and is against the flat-rate proposal. He will also vote for the gun bill and sees no problem with the constitutionality of the bill.

Along with Governor Dukakis were the Secretary of Education, Paul Parks; the Assistant Secretary of Education, Joseph Warren; the Assistant Secretary of the Manpower Program, B. J. Rudman; the Chairman of the Mass. Board of regional Community Colleges, Charles Hamilton; as well as the NECC Advisory Board, including Chairperson Marjorie Goudreault and members Claire Linahan, Lynn Whitaker, Peggy Walsh, Nicholas Peterson, John Katsaros, and Mr. Angelo Zapala, who provided the pastry for the lunch.

Also present were: State Senator Jacob Rurak, State Representatives David Schwartz and Bernie Flynn, a graduate of Northern Essex; and Newburyport Mayor Byron Matthews.

NECC is the first of 15 community colleges the governor will be visiting this year. He is especially interested in what NECC is doing to relate to the economic needs of the Merrimack Valley in the areas of business and industry.

STUDENTS WAIT FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

By MIKE DeANGELO

The allocation of student activity funds has been causing some concern among students. Church Stafford, Dean of Students, has explained that within the state there has been growing attention to the guidelines in the spending of student monies.

Since difficulties were reported at Quinsigamond Community College about expenditures, other colleges in Massachusetts are under the gun to review disbursements, as they look for business-like procedures as well as the types of things the money is spent for.

No attempt is being made to slow down the programs of student activities. The intent is to conform to the law, to use caution, and to provide rationale for spending.

Activities must be geared to train our students first of all; then should come parties, lectures and year-books.

At Northern Essex monies were allocated last December to organizations on campus for January 1976 through December 1976.

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Student Advising System Will Be Implemented By November 1

The Dean of the College, Dr. Donald Ruhl, has announced that an improved student advising system by faculty will be implemented on November 1. The program will be administered by division chairpersons under the direction of the Dean of Students.

The Dean says that the College recognizes the crucial importance of faculty advising as a help to students.

Present plans are for advisors and advisees to meet a minimum of two times each academic year, at the time of registration for the next semester (November and April). Advisees will be encouraged to meet more frequently with their advisees.

Writer's Workshop

By PAUL SANBORN

This November 5, 6 and 7, Northern Essex Community College will co-sponsor with the Merrimack Valley Council on Arts and Humanities, a larger and more comprehensive writer's workshop than last year's. George Capron, executive director of the Council, and Eleanor Hope-McCarthy, Associate Professor at Northern Essex, are the coordinators of the Workshop.

Participants' manuscripts in poetry and prose must be submitted by October 28. There will be individual workshops for the reading and discussion of manuscripts, readings by published authors of their own work, and discussions in writing and publishing.

The dates and hours of the workshop are as follows: 7-9 p.m. November 5; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., November 6; and 1-4 p.m., November 7. Members are at the Learning Resource Center.

Tuition is \$30 and the registration fee is \$3. Inquiries may be made at the Office of the Division of Continuing Education at the College.

Paige Edwards, novelist, and James Valhouli, critic, will be at the workshop's Friday evening session. Eleanor Hope-McCarthy will read poems Friday evening and a workshop on poetry will meet Saturday morning.

On Saturday Paige Edwards will head a workshop on the writing of novels; James Valhouli will head the workshop on criticism; and Andre Dubus will lead a workshop on poetry. In the afternoon there will be a workshop on publishing.

On Sunday, Andre Dubus will read a short story and later there will be a panel discussion on the workshop problems of the past two days.

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BOOK REVIEW

Ordinary People

BY

MICHAEL J. GARDELLA

Ordinary People. A novel by Judith Guest. Viking Press, 1976. 263 pp.

"Ordinary People" is the first novel by Mrs. Guest; a woman who has never had any formal training in writing.

The novel deals with Conrad Jarrett's struggle to find meaning and identity in a confused world. Conrad, who attempted suicide after his brother's death in a boating accident, returns to his parents and "friends" from the mental hospital. At his return he finds the home situation in further decay and clashes violently with his mother Beth which only exacerbates the tension and frustration.

The book is fast reading; once you pick it up you probably won't be able to put it down until finished. Written with humor and compassion the novel is vivid and exciting. "Ordinary People" is currently in fourth place on the Boston List of Bestsellers.

Drama Club News

By ELAINE DePASQUALE

At its regular Wednesday meeting, the NECC Drama Club elected a new slate of officers. The group elected: President, Jim Murray; Vice President, Al Lizotte; Secretary, Kim Steele; and Treasurer, Joanne Dillberg. Plans for the remainder of the year are now taking shape. They include two more major productions and at least one Drama Club outing, perhaps to the Hub of it all to enjoy and learn from professional theater.

The Drama Club's first venture "Juxtapositioning" is already well into rehearsal with production date tentative for early November. Working diligently behind the scenes are: Director, Al Cremin; Technical Director, Reggie Gribenas; Stage Manager, Sharon Murry; Costume Design, Delia Collins; Lighting, Jim Murray; Publicity Chairperson, Jenny Prince; and Production Crew, Al Lizotte, Richard Blanchard, Dave Caisse, and Judy Swede.

The Drama Club is open to all students and new members are always welcome. Meetings are held each Wednesday at 11 in room 301, the "green room."

Several NECC students are involved in other theatrical productions in the area as well. Michael Stevens, Pierre Garand and Alise Thierry are members of the cast of "Cabaret" which will be presented by the New Essex Players on November 18, 19 and 20 at the Newburyport Town Hall and on December 3 and 4 at Bradford College.

Drama Club President Jim Murray is currently directing a Dinner Theater production for the Wilmington Spotlighters, Inc. The play chosen is the rollicking travesty of life in New York City, "Prisoner of Second Avenue" by Neil Simon. Jim says that the evening includes dinner, dancing and show and will be presented on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Tewksbury Knights of Columbus Hall. For tickets see Jim or call 658-3948.

"Jacques Brel" is Alive in Rowley

Debbie Genovese

The Chanticleer Dinner Theatre's presentation of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" can be seen Friday and Saturday evenings at the popular dinner theatre which is located on Route 133 in Rowley.

"Jacques Brel" is a dazzling series of musical numbers written by Mr. Jacques Brel, a Belgian who, while living in France, became the voice of Paris in the 1950's and 1960's. Brel, a poet, musician and composer, wrote of love, death, loneliness, hypocrisy, pity and joy.

The success of the musical is due mainly to the strength of the four performers, Rene De La Garza, Jay Spach, his wife, Mary Dale Spach and Sara Williams. The quartet comprised of experienced, professional players sing so well together that the message of Brel's songs are often lost in the liveliness of the atmosphere. Despite the limitations of a stage smaller than a 9x12 rug, the dances are carried out with precision and grace.

What is the message of the show? It is contained in the finale when the quartet is on stage for a fantastic rendition of "If We Only Have Love." Brel claims that without love and brotherhood, we cannot survive.

N.E.C.C. students are invited to attend the presentation for one dollar off the regular price with presentation of your student I.D. card. For reservations, call 948-2569. For information on group discounts, call 774-3976.

DISCOVERY

by Cathy Coburn

Discovery is a venture in awareness, growth and confidence. Discovery is the place where people can be themselves and be accepted as they are and eventually begin to recognize their individual talents."

This is the way a pamphlet describes the Discovery program. There is no propaganda here. Discovery students feel the program is an enlightening experience and quite frequently changes one's outlook on life.

Discovery is a one-semester, full-time, day program for which students receive twelve college credits when requirements are fulfilled.

Discovery students range from ages sixteen and up. Individuals who for some reason or another had difficulties in school, who had language problems, who had been out of school for long periods of time, generally make up the participants in Discovery.

Discovery features a family style of companionship. Students learn from each other, grow with each other and understand each other.

Jo Anne Jackson, a thirty-two-year-old Lawrence mother of four, enrolled in NECC's Discovery. Jo Anne told the Observer that Discovery is "like giving you a second chance. It's a great feeling. It's a family feeling; everyone's willing to help everyone out."

Jo Anne hires a babysitter for her children who range from three and a half to ten, and comes to NECC full-time. She and her children compete for grades.

"There are no adjustment difficulties," says Joanne. "I was made very comfortable. I felt like I fit right in."

Music Club

CATHY COBURN

Northern Essex's Music Club has its first female president, Katy Conrad. The club's vice-president is Tom Comparato. Both positions were appointed by the club's advisor, Michael Finegold.

Elections for the other positions in the club are in progress; results will be announced at a later time.

Members of the club drew up their own constitution which defines the purpose of the club as promoting and developing musical activities.

Activities include performances by student groups, guest artists, films trips and discussion groups.

An objective of the Music Club is to assist Northern Essex students in obtaining and developing music careers and obtaining music scholarships.

Members of the club are not solely musicians, but, also students interested in music and instruments.

Club meetings are Wednesdays, 11-1; in C201.

For further information contact Advisor Michael Finegold, in C356, Extension 210.

International Club

CATHY COBURN

The International Club is an organization geared to acquaint N.E.C.C.'s international students and American students with one another and to exchange cultural experiences.

In past years the club has traveled, held parties which featured international cuisine and enhanced Northern Essex with cross-cultural knowledge and insight.

The club also offers foreign language tutoring for American students.

The newly elected officers of the club are: President, Santiago Gervacio - The Dominican Republic; Vice-President, George Rizk - Lebanon; Secretary, Cecilia Pichardo - The Dominican Republic; and Treasurer, Thong Tho - Viet Nam.

For further information contact Prof. Sandra Fotinos, International Club Advisor, room C209.

Going back to school is a difficult task, but Jo Anne says "You get to the point when you know you want to do something with your life."

Former full-time housewife and mother, she doesn't know specifically what she will major in, but she's on her way to a new dimension in her life. She has decided that "There's no such thing as not being able to go to school because if you want to go, there's a way."

JoAnne found the way, through Discovery.

Larry Blalkdon is 27, a reformed drug addict, and presently a student at NECC with a 3.5 average.

When Larry entered Discovery two years ago, he came from Challenge House, a drug rehabilitation organization, with some optimism. He had heard many positive things about the program by word of mouth. (Most Discovery students say that they find out about Discovery through other students.)

Larry, like JoAnne, speaks with appreciation about the friendliness and support of the people in Discovery.

Larry feels that teachers in grade school didn't take an interest in him as an individual. He never made it to high school. The motivation was not there then.

He contends that the teachers caused him to resent authority and thought he was "dumb." He believed them. He says, "I really never thought I had any intelligence but now I have a lot of confidence and I know that I do have intelligence because I have high marks."

Discovery for Larry changed his whole attitude on life and people.

Larry has three children and a wife at home. His change can only result in positive things. He has motivation within himself through Discovery.

He explains, "When I got helped and not pushed, I got motivated. I found out that I wasn't the only one who felt that way."

Larry plans to go on to get his bachelor's in the humanities or sociology or possibly psychology.

Discovery gave Larry Blalkdon the chance and he's doing well, very well indeed.

WRAZ

By MARK ALARTOSKY

WRAZ, Northern Essex's radio station, is now in its eleventh year of broadcasting. Program director Boris Baker hopes to be able to broadcast to the entire lounge and cafeteria as well as the C building soon. The broadcasts now only entertain the lounge area.

The station operates from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday with a 10-15 watt output. The DJ's offer various music styles for everyone's particular taste. This semester, aside from rock, the station is broadcasting jazz and classical music.

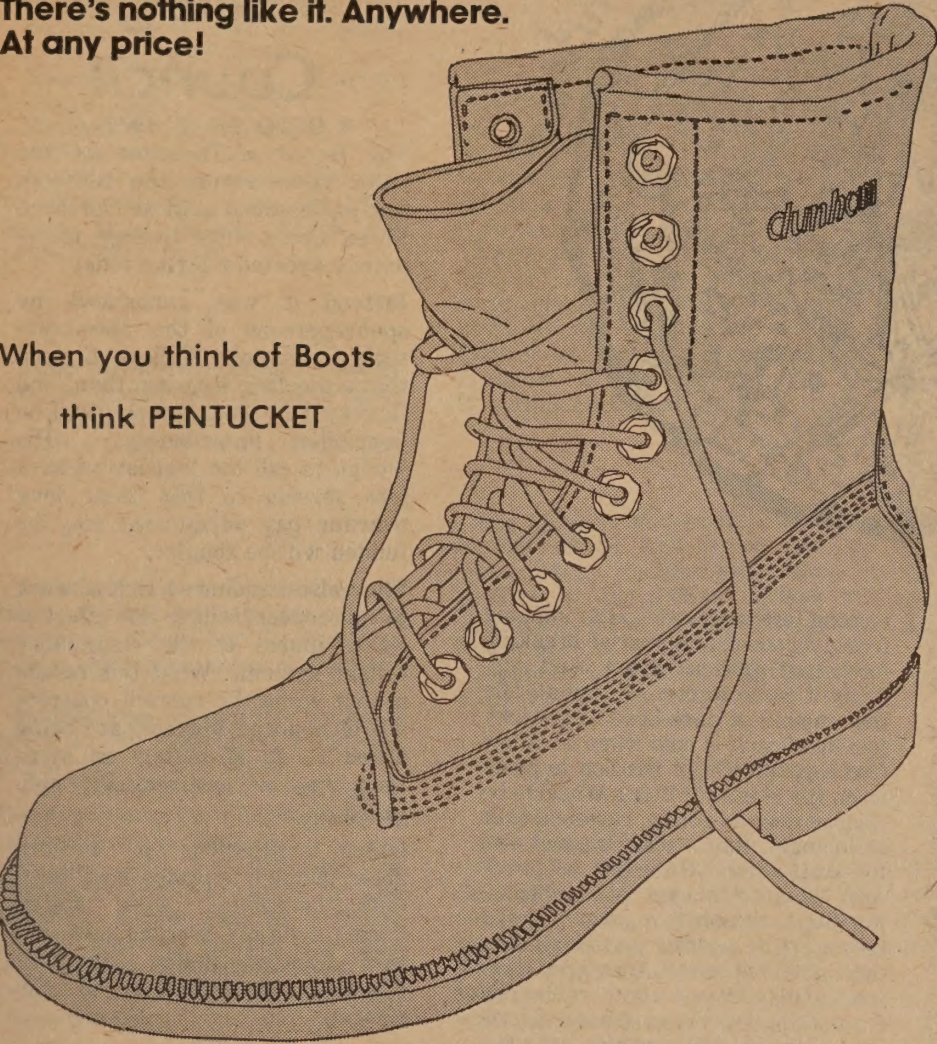
The station is presently attempting to become a regular FM station, broadcasting to Haverhill, Plaistow, Merrimac, and other surrounding towns. If they become an FM Station, the plans are to move from the room adjacent to the bookstore, downstairs to the AV room. The original place of the broadcasting was the gym.

The DJ's train for a six month period and must have their Class 3 operating licenses.

LRC director Dale Midgley is the faculty advisor. The station, if it does become FM affiliated, plans to present public service announcements along with community service programs.

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Personalizing The Sea

I sat secluded in my own little world while watching the waves lapping against the sands of the ageless shore. I observed all and hoped that each time I could see beyond. The sea always leaves me in an awesome state for not only does a human being have different moods and states of well-being, but so does this vast body of water.

You can always smell the sea with all its freshness and distinction as you slowly and reassuringly inhale each breath. The taste of her salty brine passes through your parting lips and enters into your mouth with all its flavor as your skin feels the moisture creeping round about. I walk upon her shores and listen to all the tales she has to tell of lives gone by and future goals that will arise.

I deeply respect the sea for its differences and know that each time I come to the sea I will leave satisfied. But I seem to also understand how she can be very lonely because of her vastness. Like people, she can be serene and calm, she can also become angry with huge and terrifying waves. I ask myself, "Is it because of us?" One does not really understand all there is to know of the sea and why the beauty of nature has a reason to exist.

I am able to express my wants and desires freely and somehow know that I can trust her with every secret of my past and present life.

I am still anxious to see beyond and to learn more about the personality of the sea, but I know that no matter how much of her I can see I will always be able to trust her for all the serenity she has given to me.

Emerson once stated very well the description of the sea when he said, "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."

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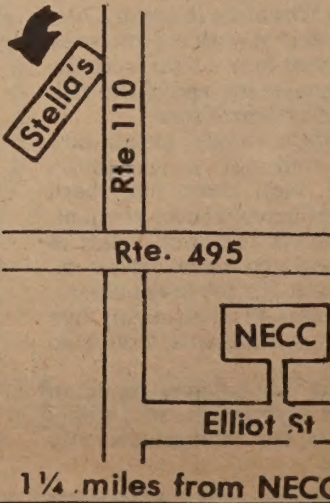
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There are students from 15 different nations here at Northern Essex. When students like Vincent Pelliccione came from Rome, Italy, English sounded like a jumble of sounds, gibberish.

Vincent says, "I was like a deaf, I not understand anything. I'd go home and look in the dictionary and try to read books. Nobody I knew could speak English."

Vincent came to the United States a little over three years ago.

He thinks that we have it relatively easy here in America because we are not assaulted by teachers. He said that in Italy "they beat you if you don't study. In high school we went to classes from 7 until 3 p.m., six days a week. In college, you go for 3 or 4 days a week but you have exams for all of the month of July."

Vincent notices an age difference in Italy's teachers. He says "they are mostly from 40 to 60 years old and know what they're doing."

Talking about his last years of high school which were in the United States, he regards these times as the hard ones. He feels he was discriminated against, and was pushed aside by teachers. Here he says he feels like a person again, and is on his way to a career in criminology.

Iranian students told this Observer reporter that the American family institution isn't as large or as dominant as in Iran.

Shahram Aghapouris and Fargan Saffari's and Mohammad Rahimie's independence would not be stressed in Iran, where the culture emphasizes dependency on the family. They mention being appalled at America's crime rate and said that it is much safer in Iran. Another student confided that he likes Americans, but "can't live with them."

The handsome Iranian students came here when they found attending college in Iran was almost impossible because of the large number of applicants. They came here by way of Boston. Not satisfied with English instruction there, they selected Northern Essex because of its English as a Second Language program.

Another ESL student is Thong Pho, who fled to the United States after his country was seized. Thong Pho, 24, came here from South Viet Nam, leaving home, family, and friends. He was in the Air Force when he heard of the Communists' attack and ran to the nearest helicopter leaving the country.

He said, "I didn't know where I was going. I had to leave. If things go back to the old government, then I'll return to my family."

There are ten in the Pho family and nine members had no idea where their son and brother had gone or if he were alive. Thong boarded a United States Naval ship from the helicopter and safely escaped the devastated country. From the ship Thong went to a Vietnamese refugee camp in Arkansas, then to Wisconsin to begin a new life. Things did not work out well so he came to Lowell to live with a cousin, through whom he learned of the ESL program at Northern Essex.

Now Thong's family knows he's alive and well but it is another question if they know how hard he works. He leaves school at 1 p.m. each day, drives to Lowell, takes 15 minutes to eat and leaves for his 45-minute drive to his job in Southboro. He works until 12 each night, five days a week, getting up at 7:30 to do homework.

A sharing of cultures and an enriching of experience... that's only part of what our international students bring.



As I watched her skilled hands mold, caress, and shape the warm, ugly mound of nothing I could almost see a love for that thing before her. How absurd! A lump of clay... It had no real purpose at all. To me it was just a dark-brown-grey icky-feeling mound of clay — nothing much at all. Soon the potter's wheel was spinning as those loving hands seemed to tenderly — oh, so gently begin to mold the forthcoming. It was a long while before I could see anything taking form... But slowly came the form and with that form shape and substance. As I watched more intently I began to realize the love and respect she had for that clay...and I began to see a very beautiful vase without flaw

CB BOOM

by Martha Morency

"Breaker I-9 for a 495 South
bounder."

"Yea, you got one."

"Hey, how's it look over your shoulder good buddy?"

"Clean and green there."

The language may seem strange, but it's the fastest growing language on the road. It's the CB language.

If one has the bucks he can buy a CB radio and get in on the action. All over the highway and in the city there are truckers and four wheelers on the line waiting for a break.

I commute with a friend who has a CB and I pick up on the language just by listening. It's not as complicated as it may seem and much of the time all CB'ers talk (not in code) - just plain talk.

Leaving NECC at the rush hour, we hear alot of people trying to get a copy on the situation on 495. Everyone is on the lookout for smokies.

Recently, a man was stopped and fined for driving with one hand. Actually, he was talking on his CB set, and as a result of intolerance of police toward CBers, he was stopped. He is fighting the fine and contends that if he is charged with something as ridiculous as this, so must every cab driver and policeman.

CB is not just a passing fad, but it is a fantastic form of communication. Also, it comes in very handy if you are stuck or lost. Anyone on the line who hears a call for help is always willing to lend a hand.

CB is here to stay - so watch out
you smokies out there - you won't
catch us with your radar.

coming forth as a caterpillar slipping from its cocoon or a sunrise breaking forth that glorious dawn. And suddenly it came to me...we are all like that mound of dark-brown-grey-icky feeling clay. It is only when we allow God through Christ His Son to place us on His Master Potter's Wheel to be molded ever so gently, caressed ever so lovingly, that we are shaped into the total person He wants us to be. And we must always remember ... For God to be able to mold us we must become just as soft and pliable as that mound of dark-brown-grey icky-feeling clay. We need to relinquish our nothingness before God before He can make us and our gifts into His Beautiful Creation.

Praise God!

STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS

Senior Winners	Number of Votes
Joe St. Jean	77
Pete Smith	76
John Silvaria	70
Robert McDonald	67
Roy Hayward	63
Clyde Goulet	57
Frank Armstrong	55

Freshman Winners	Number of Votes
John Lambert	76
Michael Driscoll	73
David Michaud	61
Robert Dalivet	56
Maureen Biggart	52

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Where is the Social Committee on campus? The Social Committee is now campaigning for new members. We are looking for interested, responsible people to help plan the social life on this campus. If you have time and are interested, leave your name and phone number at the Office of Student Activity and watch for posters outside of Room 133 in the Student Union Building. Help us help you have a good time.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**Massachusetts
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OCTOBER 15, 1976

The Board of Directors of the union representing the teachers and professional staff at Northern Essex Community College temporarily averted a strike today.

Instead it was announced by spokespersons of the Massachusetts Community College Council that a meeting between them and Governor Michael Dukakis will be demanded immediately. His pledge to call the legislature back into session so that their long overdue pay adjustment may be funded will be sought.

They also announced that a work to rule concept will go into effect at all campuses of the community college system. What this means is that while the current contract will be honored, teachers are being asked to do absolutely no more than they are contractually obligated to do.

Other expressions of concern about damage to professional good faith bargaining were stated during a highly charged meeting, said Charles Reilly, Northern Essex's representative to the Council.

The Massachusetts Community College Council represents more than 1500 professional staff in the 15 Massachusetts Community Colleges. Their decisions directly affect more than 15,000 student citizens in the Commonwealth. The Council also announced kickoff of a massive public relations campaign aimed directly at the executive leadership.

The incumbent legislature and its leadership betrayed good faith bargaining on Friday by allowing the Senate House Conference Committee to delete funds for Community College raises. This was done despite the fact that the Legislature itself had previously passed a collective bargaining law, and urged all state employees to enter collective bargaining. This was done although a contract between the union and management had been agreed upon in good faith by both parties, the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges and the union, with the honest expectation that funding would be forthcoming.

Here is a list of upcoming movies
that will be seen on campus:

OCT 22
The Longest Yard
LECTURE HALL A
Friday - 8 P.M.
OCT 22
The Last Days of Man on Earth
E-153
Wednesday - 11 A.M.
NOV 10
Death Wish
COLLEGE CENTER LOUNGE
Wednesday - 11 A.M.
NOV 24
Death Race 2000
E-153
Wednesday - 11 A.M.
DEC 15
The Parallax View
COLLEGE CENTER LOUNGE
Wednesday - 11 A.M.

NEWS BRIEFS

A free basketball rules clinic will be conducted by I.A.A.B. member Frank Collopy and N.E.C.C. faculty members from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, October 20, N.E.C.C. Learning Resource Center.

Tuesday, October 26, Lawrence Y.M.C.A., room D, floor 2.

Wednesday, November 3, N.E.C.C. Learning Resource Center.

A national rules examination will be offered Monday, November 29, in Salem, Massachusetts. Check with Athletic Department.

Co-op Day Care meeting anyone interested in volunteering time or using the center come on Wednesdays 12 noon to 1 p.m. Check at College Center.

An Introduction to Braille course is being offered for sighted persons beginning November 1, and continuing for seven consecutive Mondays.

Registration for this free course is taken in the Continuing Education Department in room B-204.

The Women's Center Presents 'A Get Acquainted Pot-Luck Supper' on October 21, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Supper will be followed by discussion and free films at The Women's Center. Bring children, friends, anyone. Each adult may bring enough food to share with five people — main dish, side dish, and salad or dessert.

The Hartford Ballet, under the direction of Michael Uthoff, will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday night, November 5, and Saturday night, November 6, at the Rupert A. Nock Middle School, Low Street in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for children, students, and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the offices of the Merrimack Valley Council on Arts and Humanities, 4 Summer Street, Room 307, in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

The Prisoner of Second Avenue, a comedy hit by Neil Simon will be presented by the Borderline Stagecrafters at the Pollard School in Plaistow, New Hampshire, on November 5, 6, 12, and 13 at 8:15 p.m. Tickets available in the Plaistow Town Hall or call 642-5407.

The reading and writing lab, now called the Learning Lab is located in Room 211. The lab offers help in writing papers, grammar, punctuation, spelling, writing essay answers, interpretation of written instructions, and any reading or writing problems.

College transfer meetings will be held in room 135 of the college center with school representatives from colleges listed below.

Wheaton College November 2, at 12 p.m.

North Adams State November 4, at 10 a.m.

Fitchburg State November 5, at 10 a.m.

University of Massachusetts November 12, at 12 p.m.

Poor Farm Production presents High on Harvest Moon Costume Buffet at the Frolics, Salisbury, Massachusetts. Saturday, October 30, 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.

\$4.50 limited advance sales, costumes mandatory.

The Music Club needs singers and musicians or anybody who is interested in such activities. Come to room C-201 on Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Fall Foliage Fair will be held, Saturday, October 30, at Trinity Church, 26 White Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will also be a Coffee Shop, Boutique.

The next Demonstration Occupation of the Clamshell Alliance, will be October 23. Call: 734-7472 or write Clamshell Alliance, Box 162, Seabrook, New Hampshire or call 1-603-964-5614.

The N.E.C.C. Bible Club has meetings on every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in room C-305.

Mr. Newsbrief



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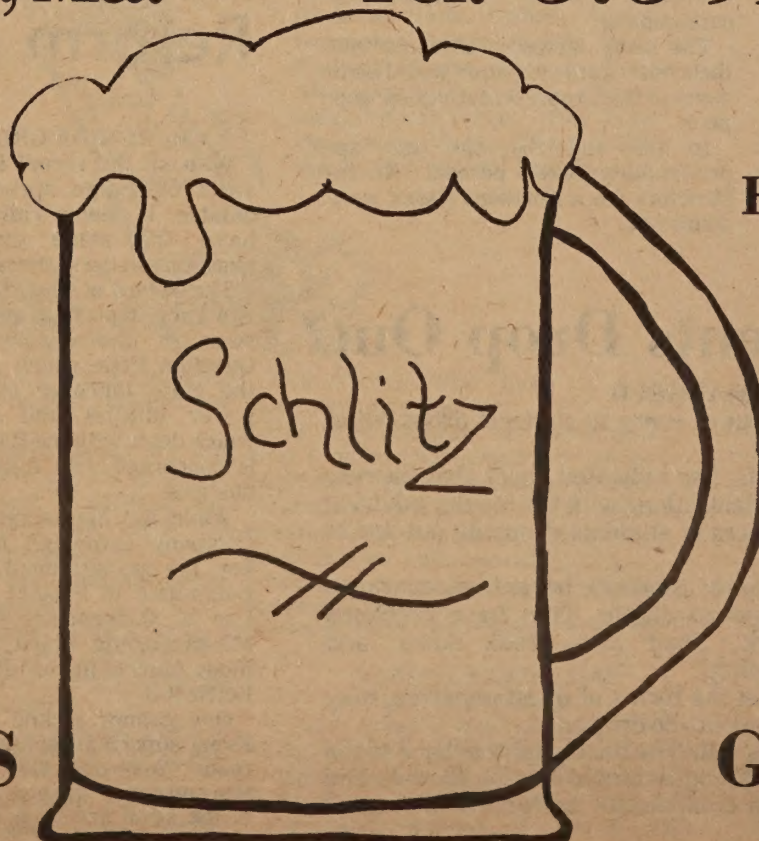
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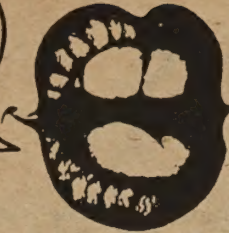
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editorials



STUDENT ELECTION

To the Editor:

It would seem to me that the election in which students participate here is illogical.

I find it inconceivable that we may be told we may vote for freshmen only if we are freshmen and seniors only if we are seniors. That is the same as telling you that if you are a Republican you may vote only for a Republican, even if the candidate running for sheriff has just been released on a pass from the state prison where he was a convicted murderer.

Seven seniors to represent only seniors? and five freshmen to

represent only the freshmen? Someone told me that they were the student body. I really thought that we as students in an election got together and elected PEOPLE. Shades of B. F. Skinner floating upon us?

I guess what I am trying to say is that if you as a group is passive then it really doesn't matter, BUT if you breathe and feel life flowing through your body and feel that even the smallest part of you has been compromised, then you had better stand up and shout. Demand equal representation and make yourself be heard. ABOVE ALL ELSE MAKE YOURSELF HEARD.

VOTE

By Kathy Gallant

Forecasters are predicting that over a million people will not vote in the November elections. The privilege of being able to vote is what the United States is all about, and the apathy of the people would repulse our forefathers.

The reason why some people vote is very interesting. Some will vote the party and not the man. Others prefer Betty to Rosalyn. Jimmy wears jeans and boots but Jerry always dresses in a conservative manner. Susan is the

lesser of two evils over Amy.

Preregistration should not be a requirement. Upon reaching 18 years of age, you could automatically cast your vote. This would get some of the younger voters out.

Regardless of your party affiliation, be proud to be a citizen of the United States of America and cast your vote this November. That day is your way of showing whom you want to lead us into peace and prosperity — for the next four years. Get out and VOTE.

Old News

It Almost Happened

Last Semptember

By Cathy Coburn

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The tension was high at N.E.C.C. last September. The College Center was crowded with anxious and concerned students, as they rallied to discuss and question the proposed ten percent budget cut in funding with Dr. John Dimitry.

The cut would directly affect faculty and staff positions which would have been devastating to both instructors and students. If teachers

had been laid off, many students would have been forced to find other colleges with comparable curriculums.

The Rally informed students that their best course of action would be to write to their representatives for support.

In the end the cut was approximately seven percent. No instructors from Northern Essex were dismissed.

Why Do Students Drop Out?

By MIKE DeANGELO

It has been estimated that one out of every 20 students drops out of Northern Essex each semester.

Church Stafford, dean of students, has indicated hopes that the new policy about non-participating students along with the faculty advising system will help reduce the numbers of students dropping out due to different stresses.

Some of the stresses go as follows: Students become discouraged when the classes they want are not available; They have problems combining jobs with schoolwork; Their cars break down; and Sometimes they need more counseling.

Keeping track of withdrawals, in the forms of questionnaires, may determine why the majority of drop-outs do drop out.

Information from questionnaires would be beneficial feedback to the school and faculty and would enable counselors to foresee stresses and try whatever means available to compensate or remove unwanted situations.

People Unite To Stop The Seabrook Nuke!

JEAN CARBONE

Groups that have come out with statements against nuclear power plants and/or the Seabrook nuclear power plant include the Union of Concerned Scientists, American Friends Service Committee, N.H. Audubon Society, Ralph Nader, the United Methodist Church, the Quakers, the N.H. Education Association, a group of upper valley N.H. physicians and scientists from Dartmouth, and a group of Seacoast physicians.

On Sept. 30 the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, an arm of the Nuclear regulatory Commission, voted 2-1 to halt construction of the Seabrook nuke. Less than a week later the NRC reversed the decision. Apparently it felt no need to listen to its own safety board?

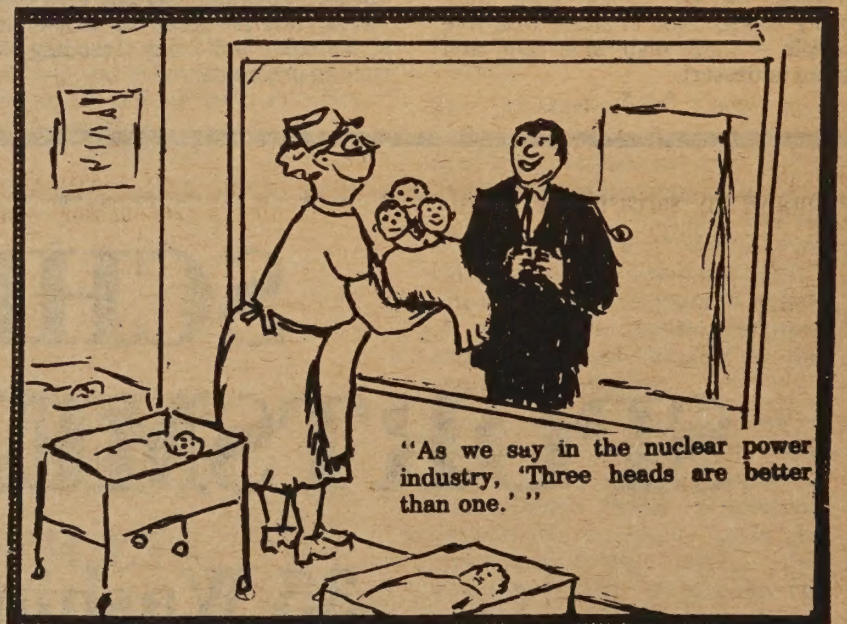
On Oct. 26 hearings start in Washington, D.C., to determine if the fuel cycle and handling of waste products was adequately considered when Seabrook was given its license. Everyone is urged to write to the NRC, Washington, D.C. 20555, to ask that the hearings be held up here on the coast, near the people whose lives will be affected.

The Clamshell Alliance is continuing to organize people toward a mass occupation of the site, planned for next spring. To highlight its fall offensive, the Alliance is sponsoring a people's Alternative Energy Fair at Hampton Beach State Park, Oct. 23-24 from 10 a.m. to sundown.

There is a rally planned for Saturday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m., at Hampton Beach State Park. Speakers will include Leo Goodman, who has been with the anti-nuke movement from the beginning. He represented the UAW in opposing construction of the Fermi plant in Detroit in the 1950's. (Read *We Almost Lost Detroit* by John G. Fuller to see what happened when the plant was built. Hint: the title gives a good indication.) Following the rally there will be a bicycle parade to the site in Seabrook, with each city represented by one bicyclist. The bicyclists will hand a Declaration of Nuclear Opposition, and signed petitions against the nuke, to public service company officials.

If you would like to contribute in any non-violent way to stopping construction of the Seabrook nuke, contact the Clamshell Alliance, P.O. Box 162, Seabrook, N.H. 03874, tel. (603) 964-6514, or 964-8077. There also exists a greater Haverhill branch, HEALTH (Haverhill Environmentalist against Lunatic technological Hazards), P.O. Box 63, Haverhill, MA 01830. Call 372-0294 and ask for Jean or Merry for more information. The Haverhill branch of the Clamshell Alliance meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the carpeted lounge of the college center.

WE WILL STOP THE SEABROOK NUKE!



Reform of Ballot Questions

By REGGIE GRIBENAS

With all the recent legislation for strict campaign spending by candidates, it seems ridiculous not to have the same guidelines for questions on the state ballot.

The voters of Massachusetts have two very important questions to answer in the upcoming election: Question Four which proposes that the state takeover of the electric power utilities and Question Six which deals with the Bottle Bill. Each is concerned with million dollar industries.

While the Massachusetts Electric Company campaign has been low key, the opposite must be said of the Committee to Protect Jobs and the Use of Convenience Containers in Massachusetts which has put enormous sums of money up to defeat the Bottle Bill.

One cannot escape these efforts. Every supermarket has a banner that reads "Save over \$100 a year in bottles and cans." On every can or bottle in the state are little messages like

"If a \$50 fine doesn't stop a slob, a five cent deposit won't. A humorous commercial tells a middle-aged woman to vote no on Question Six. Six.

Out-of-state concerns have poured over \$667,000 into the campaign to defeat the "bottle bill," while the grass roots Committee for a Massachusetts Bottle Bill has only \$8,000, according to the Boston Globe.

Outside money is being invested in Massachusetts, because unlike Oregon and Vermont, it is a densely populated industrial state. If it passes here, there is a good chance Congress would adopt a national deposit system.

Whether you are for or against the "bottle bill" you'll have to admit when one group has \$667,000 to campaign with while the other has \$8,000, something is wrong. And either the state or federal government should take measures against such lopsided campaigns.

Letters to the Editor

...please sound one trumpet...

I sat down last Tuesday, very relaxed...content in the fact that I'm having a super-good semester — my last one here at N.E.C.C. I began to read the N.E.C.C. Observer with enthusiasm emanating from the fact that I'd helped in the process of putting that issue together...Then I read with aghast the article GRADUATION CHANGES, which was a very nice letter from Dean Stafford...the only problem was — I didn't like what it had to say!! It stated that Northern Essex is from this point on to have only one immense graduation ceremony "supported by our entire college community...which should be a significant event in the careers of our students as well as in the experience of our community." Dean Stafford went on to say that there will no longer be any January or August graduations because "it never has been possible to give (them) the dignity and importance which (they) deserve because the Faculty are not able to attend."

...A'hem... ah-ha... therefore, we are all invited, those of you who 'graduated' two months ago...and those of us who will (hopefully) graduate in January...to come to the Big Shin-dig on the Quadrangle next June, in order to be able to participate in a ceremony fitting and proper enough for it to have (drum roll please...) the "Northern Essex Community College Seal of Approval."

Forgive my sarcasm, Dean Stafford. Yes, college graduation is a significant event in a student's life...the end of those two long sometimes excruciating years is finally able to be seen dimly on the horizon...a time to look back on what you've accomplished and what you wished you had... but didn't...a time to think of the friendships you acquired, those you didn't, and those you must lose because of the somewhat finality of how this particular event signifies the 'end' in so much... It's a time to think back to those nights cramming for an exam (— two pots of coffee and 10 Oreo cookies!)...It's a time of so many memories of the past...experiencing the present... hoping for the future... "What will it hold?" And, yes, it is a time for Great Rejoicing...some of us thought we'd never make it!! Yes, this is what graduation means to me...and so much more!

However, Dean Stafford, (and whoever else is interested enough to really listen... and hear!), the ceremony is what graduation is not. It's just icing on the cake! I, for one (and I'm sure there are many like me), would be perfectly content not to have some posh ceremony with long, flowing, black robes — listening to some orator go on...and on...and on about nothing relevant to my Life —

to my circumstances. But to have nothing to look forward to after all those months — two long years of study is a little more than one should bear... I know this will crush you to the depths of their heart, dear, ole N.E.C.C. and all who you hold...but after I receive that sheepskin with that little notarization — signed, sealed and delivered...I ain't-a-comin-back! I shall shake your dust from my feet cause I'm a-climbin' up higher mountains... And I'm sure there are many who feel as I do. Those who can't return and those who really don't want to return...I wouldn't either if I go as far away as I plan on going!!!

But it would be nice to have The Big Cheeses...those Deans and Presidents and Coordinators of our Degree Programs...those whom we know run the whole show, but whom we rarely see...never ever talk to...all spiffed up at a small but "significant" gathering just to applaud us on to the bigger and better aspirations of our dear, little hearts. I'd just like to know that somebody "up there" knew that I've been around for two years and that I wasn't just #05342 on some computer memory blank...and I sincerely...most very sincerely want to hear, "Well done, Chris, well done..." from my dad and mom and my 6'4" little brother and some of those profs whose teachings will follow me wherever I go...

So I beg you, Administration...please reconsider your decision about having, at the very least, a January graduation...the time to think about it and plan for it is NOW...I'll do anything I can to get it off the ground...just don't make us leave without blowing one trumpet...

Sincerely Waiting
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Christine F. Collins
Prospective graduation:
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sons (Bill Baird, Mort Sahl, Governor Sargent among others), politics and even smoking.

Though the above issues are still prevalent, hardly a word is spoken or written about them by students (except by reporters who cover the stories as assignments).

Governor Michael Dukakis recently visited the college.

What do you think of the man as a governor? Has he been effective?

Is the traffic and parking situation as bad as some claim?

Will you vote for Gerald Ford or Jimmy Carter? Will you vote at all? Why or why not?

Are we going to have an elevator for the handicapped in the Applied Science Building?

Will the college have a job placement coordinator?

Put your thoughts on paper and drop it off at "The Observer" office on the first floor of the College Center. All students have a forum with which to express their opinions, pro or con, for all to hear. Take advantage of it.

You'd be surprised how powerful the written word is.

VETS MAY GET RAISE

By TIM SULLIVAN

G.I. benefits expired last May for 3.5 million post-Korean veterans. Benefits for 400,000 veterans who were in educational programs terminated because of the 10-year deadline.

WRAZ A smash in the lounge

By LIBERATO FRANCISCO

Another morning, another orange juice, another coffee, and I'm awake.

I walk into the lounge, pull two sofa chairs together, take off my shoes, and make myself comfortable.

"Has the radio station opened up yet?" I asked a girl, sitting to my right.

"Yes, seemed to sneak out through an irritated yawn.

Immediately after her answer, a low, dense sound came over the huge, black speakers. This was supposedly some type of classical music. I listened to it for about 20 minutes. Finally I, like the others who were listening, began falling asleep.

I threw on my shoes, walked over to the WRAZ radio station, located next to the bookstore, and asked them to play something by Pink Floyd. A "No" was thrown back at me, or anyone else who attempted to make a request between the hours of 9 and 11.

The D.J. there told me that he was to play classical music and only classical music.

I went back to the lounge and

listened to classical music for two solid hours.

By 11:00 I was really aggravated because the two hours which I had off were a total drag.

Fortunately, the radio station isn't all that bad.

Dave Simons has an excellent show. Rick Ranalli and a few others also have extremely good shows.

On the whole the D.J.s would very much like to turn up the volume, and play the music that they enjoy listening to, but they have Dale Middelz, their faculty advisor, who tells them what to play and when to play it.

Norm Baratelli (Tex) said that students in the lounge who are not enjoying the show should walk over to the station and let them know what they would like to hear. If there is a large enough feedback the station will be pushed into playing their kind of music.

I feel that our radio station can be worth listening to and should be listened to.

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to the newspaper. Leave all comments and articles in a box marked "RAW" outside the newspaper office downstairs in the Student Activities building. All are welcome to attend newspaper meetings. Times and dates are posted outside the newspaper office. We need suggestions and concerned people to join our staff. You don't need to be just a writer to help in the publication of the Observer.

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Student Apathy

By Joseph Parker

Northern Essex Community College students seem to have hit upon a state of apathy and seem to be complacent in their dormant state.

During a year in which politics, on every level, seems to dominate the news, student expression of concern or support is virtually nil. Isn't free expression what it's all about?

A look at past years' issues of "The Observer" reveals written student protests and praises regarding consumer programs and problems, traffic and parking at NECCO, pollution, visits to the college by prominent per-

The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs has reported legislation which would raise benefits under the G.I. Bill by eight percent. During the debate which should occur before Congress adjourns Oct. 1, Senator John A. Durkin (D-NH) will offer two amendments. The first would extend the 10-year deadline up to three years for veterans enrolled full-time, May 31, 1976. New funding would be extended to all veterans caught by the deadline.

The second amendment would introduce the accelerated tuition assistance into the G.I. Bill. This plan would simply allow veterans to collect the same amount of benefits in a shorter period of time. The amendments are designed to help veterans who cannot afford to attend college at present benefit levels.

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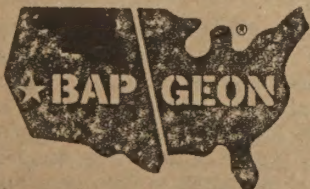
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TALK ABOUT VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer Inservice Program matches citizens' talents with social service agency needs. The agencies benefit because the volunteer can supplement the efforts of the staff and become an extended arm of the service. The volunteer has an opportunity for self actualization, work experience and grass roots participation in social change.

The trends of who volunteers have altered considerably in the past few years. The white middle class housewife who once was the core of volunteerism is in mass exodus. She is entering the professions because of the feminist movement or the dismal economy has forced her back into the work pool.

The rank and file replacing her are men and women of varied cultural and economic backgrounds. They are a socially conscious group who want to do more than lick envelopes and answer telephones. Volunteerism has increasingly become the province of people who are career-oriented. They see donating their time as an opportunity to try out new careers, learn new skills, keep abreast with old fields of interest, and put theory into action.

Volunteering is a viable way to get experience in a selective job market. The student who wants to find out his own career goals, the college graduate who needs experience, the head of a household who needs to keep food on the table but wants to expand his own work horizons, the housewife who has no confidence in her abilities, the retiree who wants to maintain an input in his community...these are the kinds of people that can make volunteering work for them.

V.I.P. also runs programs outside of its basic clearinghouse function. We will do a series of lectures on Crime Intervention, teaching people how to react in emergencies such as heart attack, drowning, drug overdose, suicide, rape and crime.

We are also having a symposium on Nov. 18 at the YWCA 9-11 a.m., 7-9 p.m., in conjunction with Northern Essex Community College. "Introduction to Volunteer Opportunities" is free to the community and is an attempt to orient the potential volunteer. Social service agencies will describe their functions and tell of their volunteer needs.

Nancy McLaughlin Joins Learning Lab

DAN HICKEY

The Learning Lab is complete. Nancy McLaughlin, a math specialist, is on the job. She will be available M-W; 8-5, Th; 8-8, F 8-3.

Nancy received her B.A. at Barrington College and her M.A. at Northeastern.

She previously taught ABE; GED in 'Project Scale,' the Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences.

Nancy will be tutoring students involved in the ARP math modules. Nancy stresses that she is also available to any student with problems in basic arithmetic.

The flexibility of her hours on the job make her conveniently available to all students.

The recommendations of any student already using the services in the lab would be greatly appreciated by all 'Learning Lab' personnel.

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERIES
I: **CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION IN BASIC LIFE SUPPORT.** DATE: October 12, 14, 19, 21. TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m. PLACE: Kurth Auditorium, Lawrence General Hospital. Pre-registration Required. Fee \$1.50.

II: **INSTRUCTORS COURSE IN C.P.R. IN BASIC LIFE SUPPORT.** DATE: October 26, 27, 28. TIME: 6-10 p.m. PLACE: Kurth Auditorium, Lawrence General Hospital. Pre-registration Required. Fee \$1.50.

III: **POISONINGS AND DRUG ABUSE,** lecture by Dr. Jose Silva, Director of Emergency Service, Lawrence General Hospital. DATE: November 3, Wednesday. TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: Kurth Auditorium, Lawrence General Hospital. FREE.

IV: **RAPE CRISIS INTERVENTION,** panel: Rifa Roberts, R.N. Emergency Services, Bon Secours; Juvenile Officer, Jerry Thibault, Methuen Police Force; Larry Giordano, Giordano Karate School, Methuen. DATE: November 9, Tuesday. TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: Kurth Auditorium, Lawrence General Hospital. FREE.

V: **SUICIDE INTERVENTION,** lecture by Monica Dickens, Director of Samaritans Inc., Boston. DATE: November 16, Tuesday. TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: Bon Secours Hospital Auditorium. FREE.

VI: **CRIME INTERVENTION,** symposium with Alderman Terrance Schiavone, Director of Safety, Lawrence, and police officials from Greater Lawrence neighboring towns. DATE: November 23, Tuesday. TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: Bon Secours Hospital, East Street, Methuen. FREE.

FOR I, II PRE-REGISTRATION — CALL VOLUNTEER INSERVICE PROGRAM — 687-3444.

Transfer Scholarships

FRANK SAPIENTI

Graduates of NECC who plan to continue their education at a four-year college are eligible for transfer scholarships, which will be awarded to students based on financial need.

These scholarships will be offered by 24 Greater Boston private institutions (Permanent Charities Colleges) to graduates of accredited Massachusetts community colleges and junior colleges.

Each scholarship is worth up to \$1,000 and can be renewed for a second year of study, provided that the student maintains a satisfactory academic standing and still needs financial aid.

The Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund will allocate funds for this new program to the Permanent Charities Colleges according to students' college preferences. For instance, a college will be allocated more money for transfer scholarships if that college receives and accepts more applications for admission and financial aid. Conversely, a college accepting fewer applications for admission and financial aid will receive less money.

The High Cost Of Safety

By DAVID KELLEY

Ten minutes late for class every morning? A new set of shock absorbers for your car? That is the price many N.E.C.C. students traveling from the Greater Lawrence and Lowell area are paying for "safety improvements" along Interstate #495.

The nearly completed reconstruction of the Haverhill-Bradford 110 exit, used by most Northern Essex students, causing long delays and inflicting torture on cars using the exit, is part of a multi-million dollar statewide program aimed at reducing the accident rate on Massachusetts' interstate highways. The present program, which has already reduced accidents on I-93 by 37%, is similar to the \$51 million program rejected last May by Governor Michael Dukakis as being "wasteful and unnecessary."

Dukakis maintained that \$51 million was too high a price to pay for just over 1100 jobs, most being for higher paid heavy equipment operators, and that many other smaller roads in the state (including Route 114 between North Andover and Danvers) needed the improvements a lot more. The governor later reversed his decision and agreed to accept the federal money rather than have it shifted to another state.

All of this raises some serious questions about the Federal Highway Trust Fund:

1) Since every person who drives a car pays into the fund through a 4-cent tax per gallon of gas, shouldn't some of the money be reverted to state and local governments to be used as they see fit on their own roads.

2) Since the demand for new roads is slacking off, and the fund's revenues increasing, shouldn't some of that money be spent on mass transit, reducing further the need for new roads.

3) Should a governor be forced to waste millions of dollars on a program, only because it will be sent to another state to be wasted if he refuses it.

Although Route #495 between Haverhill and Amesbury will probably be much safer and the environment along the road protected, if not enhanced, many state roads in much worse condition get worse because of the state's financial squeeze and it will be years before the funds are available to correct them. This is where the "waste" of the program is involved.

Incidentally, if you think your traffic problems will be solved when the present work is completed, remember this: of the \$51 million Governor Dukakis finally agreed to accept last May, \$6,500,000 is appropriated to the Lawrence, Methuen and Haverhill section of I-495 for "safety improvements."

To be considered eligible for a transfer scholarship, students should apply for admission and financial aid at the college of their choice (if listed below). Students must also apply for a federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grant and a Massachusetts State Scholarship. The necessary forms can be obtained at the Counseling Office, Room 118, in the NECC College Center.

Representatives from each of the 24 Permanent Charities Colleges will be on the NECC campus Tuesday, October 26, at 11 a.m. They will be located at the entrance of the cafeteria to inform students about the program and field questions raised by interested students.

More information can be obtained by seeing Guidance Counselor Betty Coyne in the Counseling Office or by attending transfer meetings held every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and Thursday from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

New Faces On Campus

by Ginger Camp

Besides all the new students at Northern Essex, there are twelve new faculty members on campus. Most attended schools in New England — with the exception of two who attended schools in Missouri and Alaska.

Five other teachers who have been at Northern Essex before have returned to new positions.

New faculty include the following:

Department of Nursing: Jeannette Allen (B.A.-Barrington College, M.S. Boston University) and Carol Daniels (B.S.-St. Anselms, Boston University); Department of Philosophy and Fine Arts: Albert Cremin (B.A. and M.A. — Emerson College; Department of Behavioral Sciences (B.A. and M.Ed. — Salem State College; Department of Business: Robert Houle (B.S. — B.A. and M.A. — Suffolk University); Protective Services: John DeLeo (A.A. — University of Alaska, B.S. — U.S. Military Academy, and M.S. Northeastern University); Deafness Program: Clifford Lawrence (B.A. — Bates College, Ed.M. — Boston University); Department of Office and Business Machines: Margaret Raney (A.A. Colby Junior College, B.S. and M.Ed. Boston University); Department of Natural Science: Mary Wadman (B.A. — Emmanuel College, M.A. — Wellesley College); Law Enforcement: George Stewart (B.S. — Northeastern University; Department of Radiologic Technology: Carol Wallace — A.S. Middlesex Community College and Certificate Newton-Wellesley Hospital — Northeastern; and Reading and Writing Lab: Nellie Wilson (B.S. and Ed.D. — Boston University).

Returning faculty include: Department of Physical Education in Sport, Leisure Studies and Outdoor Education: David Antaya (A.S. — Holyoke Community College and B.S. — University of Massachusetts) and Rosemary Loveday (B.S. — University of Massachusetts, M.Ed. — Boston University); Department of Communications: Priscilla Bellairs (B.A. — Michigan State University, M.A. — Harvard University); Educational Assistant Program: Lisette Kaplowitz (B.S. — Hofstra University and Ed. M. — Boston University); and Writing and Reading Lab: Philip Sittnick (B.A. University of Hartford, M.A. Kansas State University).

The Observer staff wishes each of the faculty a warm welcome. A year ago the staff was printing stories about belt tightening and possibilities of lay-off. The academic community of the college will be enhanced by contributions of new teachers.

PERMANENT CHARITIES COLLEGES

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Tufts University
Wellesley College
Wentworth College of Technology
Wheaton College
Wheelock College

Sports

Jobs in Sports

by Doug Gieryn

In earlier years when a physical education course was mentioned, one immediately pictured students lined up doing jumping jacks to become an elementary school gym teacher. An Introductory to Physical Education course being taught at NECC is helping to alter this image.

Carl Beal, athletic director here, is the man behind this change. After teaching gym courses for awhile, Beal found many of the students' interests lay in areas other than calisthenics. In order to attract more students to the physical education field, he felt that a wider variety of career goals should be introduced to the students.

The idea meant breaking away from the traditional gym teacher and introducing career opportunities such as managing a ski resort or being a sports equipment designer.

In the outdoor and recreational world there is a great need for trained people to run these facilities that many enjoy. With the working week becoming shorter, Americans have a greater need for recreational activities.

Beal says that there are two main areas open. There is the sports world that offers career opportunities such as sports journalism, advertising, law, costume design, safety, publications, equipment manufacture and others. The other main area is Recreation and Park Management, also offering a wide selection of careers. Some of these are forest recreation, recreation planning, institutional recreation, industrial recreation, group work with social services, managers of beaches, camps, stadiums, and golf courses.

Beal says that the course is not promising to cover all these areas, but has been redesigned to stress to the student all the opportunities in the athletic world. The course still has its basic requirements such as other courses but it goes a step further and introduces a limitless amount of opportunity other than that open to the playground gym teacher.

Introduction to Physical Education, presently offered, is a three credit course that will be available again next semester. If anyone is interested in the athletic world, but unsure in what direction to travel, the course might be of tremendous help.

N.E.C.C. Baseball

by Liberato Francisco

The NECC Fall Baseball team defeated Lowell Tech's JV's 13-7 Wednesday, September 29.

Steve Bedrosian pitched 5 innings and was credited with the win. Gino Giannetio hit 3 singles and batted in 3 runs, while Kenny Lumm drove in 4 runs by singling, doubling, and tripling. John Prisco singled and doubled. Rick Cole, who returned from last year, played a strong game on defense. Others who returned are Bob Saveneli, Bob McDonald, Clyde Goulett, and Doug Gieryn.

The team will be looking for another win against Lowell Tech.

Gym Attracts Crowds

by Bruce Gouldthorpe

It looks as though the gymnasium area on campus is going to be a popular spot this year.

Only about a year and a half ago Physical Education Director Carl Beal and his staff came close to losing the gymnasium building due to proposed school budget cuts.

Since that time Equipment Manager Joe St. Jean has been keeping track of student usage of this facility. Last year St. Jean estimated 10,000 Northern Essex students took advantage of recourses offered. Already this year an average of 650 to 675 students per week check in for and make use of the buildings facilities. That figure represents only those who bother to check in. St. Jean said roughly between 3,000 and 4,000 students have visit visited the gymnasium this semester.

St. Jeans credits the numbers and interest of this year's freshman class along with availability of equipment as two of the biggest reasons for the early success this year. Last year the building was open to students 18 hours per week " maybe a little less" said St. Jean. This year students may use the facility 34 hours per week and if St. Jean can get people from work study he plans to expand the hours from 5 to 8 p.m.

Basketball and ping pong are two of the more popular sports open to students.

Flag Football

by Steve Rajotte

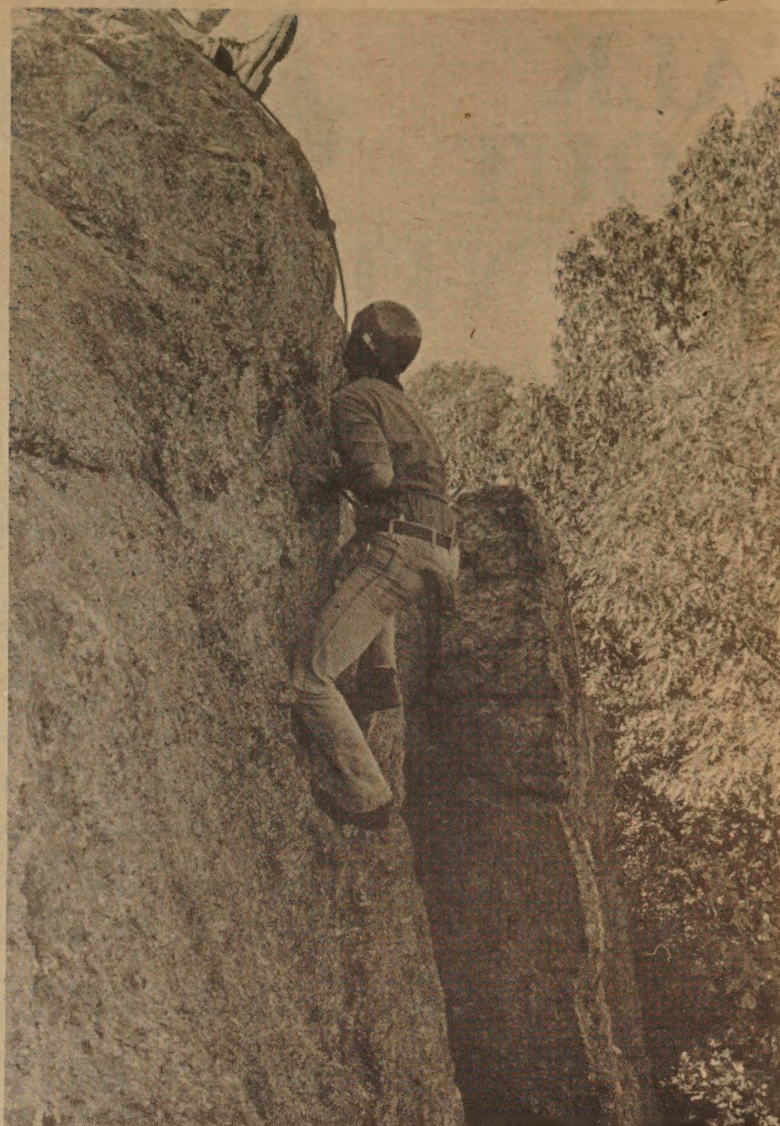
Northern Essex Community College Flag Football has gone through three weeks of rough physical play with the Giants and Locals giving fine showings of a neck-and-neck battle down to the wire.

As of now, only the Stingers present a threat to overtake first or second place, having lost just one outing. The other five teams will be battling for the fourth and final play-off spot.

These four teams will commence in play-off competition Nov. 17 and the two winners will play for the title on Dec. 1.

standings as of October 13

Team	W	L	T
Giants	3	0	0
Locals	3	0	0
Stingers	2	1	0
Gieryn's Team	1	2	0
Individuals	1	2	0
Green Machine	1	2	0
Columbians	1	2	0
Stewey's	0	3	0



ROCK CLIMBING

By JOHN LAMBERT

Who's climbing the walls at N.E.C.C.? One might suggest everyone. Wrong. Only a few are literally climbing any walls at all.

They are the people involved with Dave Antaya's Basic Rock and Mountain Climbing Class which meets once a week for three hours and practices at Den Rock, a 35-foot cliff in Andover.

These students have chosen this course to gain a safer, more thorough knowledge of basic rockcraft and to discover the thrill of a new experience. The technique they have used consists of top rope climbing, a method where the helmet-clad climber ascends always being roped to a belayer, or safety person at the top of the rock. The belayer has the climber's rope wrapped around him and keep it taut so if the climber falls he will merely hang by the rope until he can grasp the rock again supporting his own weight and continuing the climb. In order to prevent serious injury to the climber the belayer must execute his job flawlessly. It is this constant life-saving technique which dissolves the climber's fear of falling and creates a common bond of trust between the members of Dave's class.

The group will be going, weather permitting, on an "out" climb Sunday, October 17, to Quincy rock quarries, a 90-foot cliff south of Boston, for a few, no doubt, hair-raising experiences. The class has expressed disappointment at the nearing end of this eight-week course and is enthusiastically looking forward to Rock Climbing II next semester.

Stay tuned for future developments of the cliff hangers of N.E.C.C.

Ski Club

Wants Out

MARILYN FOGARTY

Currently the NECC Ski Club is milling over the question of funds and how to finance its activities. Until now the club, like most others at NECC, is a club sport and shares a certain amount of funds from the athletic department. The department distributes the funds which it has received from the student activity money as evenly as possible. Apparently the funds are not enough to keep the Ski Club going.

The Club, advised by Prof. Ed Spiny, is presently petitioning to become independent of the Club Sport program. According to Carl Beal, athletic director, they are asking for something close to \$3,000. "That is more than is even in the budget," stated Beal.

If the Ski Club is successful in becoming independent, its members would request funds from the Student Council. The Council has until now allocated 20 percent of student activity fees to the Club Sport program.

Presently the members pay \$2 in dues. The trips which they take have been funded partly by the funds they receive and partly by the members themselves.

Beal says that it is "fine with him if they become independent." He also feels that a club, especially one like the Ski Club, which conducts most of its activities off campus and has great expenses, should have the potential open to become independent.

Last year the Ski Club received about \$1,100, and conducted its own socials to raise additional money.

A committee will be set up to decide upon the request. The Observer will report the decision.

BASKETBALL STAR

by Bob Minott

Mike Roberson, 6 ft. 3 in., is just what NECC is looking for. A Miracle. Mike, walking away from a shooting average of 82 percent and 29.5 points per game in high school, has the talent but can't do it alone. "Our back court is going to produce most of the fire power while the front court is tipping in rebounds," he says.

Roberson became seriously interested in basketball when he was a freshman at Bridgeport Central High in Connecticut. In those four years he has played every position and received awards of "Best Defensive Player in the State" in his junior year, and "Most exciting Offensive Player" during his senior year.

He has also received an Honorable Mention to the All-American team, and was named to the All-State and All-Star Basketball teams. Mike has been named by the state, county and city to the 15th School Boy Classic.

Mike's hobbies are a configuration of just about everything. When Mike isn't spending time with his girl friend he's either playing tennis, bowling, skating or teaching dance. "I like doing everything," he explains.

At the moment Mike has no job except refereeing a flag football game during the activity period on Wednesdays.

Mike's first interest in basketball came when he was about three or four years old. In this time Mike received much encouragement from his friends. He has found out from his parents that he has sporting, blood. Mike has uncles and a few relatives that play both pro basketball and pro football. Isn't it nice how some things run in the family?

The Merrimack River

BRINGS ANTICIPATION OF SALMON AND SHAD RESTORATION

by Mark Peterson

The Merrimack River basin originates in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in Profile Lake and flows south and east over a 134-mile course to the jetties in Newburyport, Mass.

At one time this water system supported a tremendous salmon and shad spawning run. In the early 1800's in West Newbury, it was written into the contracts of apprentices that they only had to eat salmon five days a week, because the fish were so plentiful. Centuries of dam building, road construction, and severe domestic and industrial pollution depleted Atlantic salmon stocks by 1847. The final blow was when main-stem dams were built at Lowell and Lawrence at this time.

Ten years ago the Merrimack River was listed as one of the most polluted rivers in the country. Biological testing showed an unbelievable E.coli count of 300,000 colonies per 100ml. water sample. E.coli is an indicator of fetal pollution. Normal drinking water should have 0-1 colonies per 100 ml. The chemical pollution was so intense the water could not be adequately tested because of so many chemical interferences.

Equipment Room in Use

by Liberato Francisco

Footballs, baseballs, soccer balls, basketballs, ping-pong balls, ping pong paddles, baseball gloves, tennis rackets, badminton rackets, field hockey sticks, field hockey balls, and paddleball paddles are just some of the things which can be taken out at the equipment room located in the front room of the Gym.

In order to take out any equipment, one must have a student I.D. To take out archery and fencing equipment, however, one must also have prior instruction or be taking a course in these skills. Canoes and camping equipment, unlike the other items, cannot be checked out and are for classroom use only. The last restriction has been imposed since a \$2,000 loss last year.

The equipment room is open to all students from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In charge is Joe St. Jean who would like to see some work-study students help.

Water can purify itself, up to a point by natural processes, but there is a limit to the pollution load a stream can handle. Bacteria and other organisms in the water and the wastes themselves, decompose unstable sewage wastes. This process utilizes oxygen which fish and other aquatic life depend on. Streams offset this reduction of oxygen by absorbing it from the atmosphere and from aquatic plants.

Pollution starts when the volume of pollutants in relation to the speed of flow is so great that the bacteria use of oxygen more rapidly than reaeration occurs. As a result, natural cleansing is slowed.

With the advent of increased sewage and industrial treatment facilities Merrimack River water quality has been improving. The major purpose of sewage treatment is to accelerate decomposition of organic matter so that a substantial portion of the break-down process has been achieved before discharge into the river.

Presently, there is a cooperative effort with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, Massachusetts and New Hampshire for the restoration of the Atlantic salmon and shad to the Merrimack River. The first step is to construct adequate fishways for fish to reach spawning and nursery grounds in the upper Merrimack water system. Salmon require clean, relatively shallow, well-oxygenated, gravel bottoms to reproduce. A study is being done on the environmental impacts of thermal discharge from power plants.

The key to the restoration is to develop a Merrimack River strain of salmon. Most salmon return to the stream in which they are spawned and reared. Smolts, young salmon which are ready to go to sea, will be released in Newburyport and will return in two years. The smolts are Pennobscot River, Maine-Canadian cross hatchery raised fish. The goal is in 1978 when these fish return to spawn, 100 adult salmon will be captured to serve as egg-brood source for the restoration process.

Shad, also an anadromous or fresh-salt water fish, is part of this program. They are a larger member (up to 14 pounds) of the herring family. The Connecticut River in Western Massachusetts sustains a large run of 2-10 pound fish. The popularity of the shad is mainly due to its size and ease in being caught. Bringing back shad to the river will not be as difficult or complex as the salmon. Encouraging numbers have already appeared this year.

Hopefully, in the coming years — with more water treatment and the construction of fishways — we will be able to enjoy clean water and significant salmon-shad runs.

The Curiosity Shoppe :

By KEVIN SAWYER

"Nostradamus"

A French physician and astrologer by the name of Michel de Notredame has been referred to as the greatest clairvoyant and psychic to ever dwell upon the planet Earth.

He was known as Nostradamus and in the year 1555 he wrote a 354 quatrain volume entitled "Centuries" in which he made incredible predictions covering a period of roughly 500 years.

What did Nostradamus "see" in 1555?

- The Great London Fire of 1666
- The collapse of the French king, Louis XV
- The French Revolution
- The executions of King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette
- France's Reign of Terror
- The coming of England's Queen Elizabeth and the death of Mary, Queen of Scots who was known as "Bloody Mary"
- The birth of Napoleon
- Napoleon's exile to and escape from the isle of Elba
- The Battle of Waterloo
- World War I
- The Russian Revolution and the death of Czar Alexander
- The rise of Lenin
- The weakness of the League of Nations
- The rise and fall of a man he called Hister (Adolph Hitler)

The following are some of the things Nostradamus "saw" for our future:

• A great revolution that will result in the fall of Communism

• An alliance between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. against a new tyrant

• That new tyrant will be an Arab

• Because of the U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. alliance, China will feel rejected and betrayed and will side with the Arab

• These circumstances will lead to World War III

• World War III will be a nuclear war and the Pope will flee from Italy to seek safety elsewhere

• The Arabs and the Chinese will be destroyed by a German

• Starting in July of 1999 the German will wage an awesome war

• Between November 23 and December 21, 1999 the legendary Battle of Armageddon will take place

• Following the war there will be an Age of Peace

• Sometime during the 26th Century the planet Earth will be destroyed and all life will come to an end

Thus "saw" the legendary Nostradamus. Perhaps no one can change his predictions, yet considering his previous record it would seem wise to heed his words and perhaps his warnings will remain nothing more than just that. Warnings.

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Curious Quickies —

• It is against the law in Arizona to hunt or shoot camels.

• Famed spy, Mata Hari, charged her lovers a minimum of \$7500 a night.

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STUDENTS WAIT FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

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Some groups used up their funds and others failed to request funds. For these reasons some groups were curtailed because of lack of funding.

Church Stafford comments that the students contribute \$80,000 to \$100,000 to the student activity fund as each student is required to pay \$17.50 each semester. He says that the decisions about how the money will be directed to different needs is not yet decided because there is not yet a quorum of elected student representatives. When the student council is organized, action can be taken. Meanwhile, the interim committee has been working on the matter.

The Dean of students has explained that the position of Coordinator of Student Affairs should be filled by a full-time professional to organize the system for spending the money wisely and efficiently. Presently the coordinator's position is only half-time.

The new student council, which begins functioning October 15, will determine, with the help of the President's representatives and with help from any interested students (who need not be council members) how the money presently in the fund will be spent for the balance of the year.

The new council and interested students will then prepare a complete budget for final allocations for next year and confer with representatives of the President concerning the proper appropriations of the funds.

Are You Looking For The Lost and Found ? We've Found It !!

MIKE DeANGELO

The Lost and Found has a new location. It was in the Classroom Building but now is in the Maintenance Building, Phyllis Berman's office.

Curriculum Changes

Patricia Collins

The college curriculum is frequently expanding and course changes take place often. All new curriculum proposals and course changes must be approved by the Curriculum Committee chaired by Dr. Bruce Earnley of the math department.

Mr. Earnley reports that two possible changes are now being discussed. The number of credits awarded in accounting courses may be changed and the division of physical education and recreation is bidding for the self-awareness program to become a permanent course.

The members of the faculty here at Northern Essex generally propose new programs and course changes. However, students may present their ideas concerning curriculum changes to the committee through a faculty member. Professional people in the community can also design programs for the college.

According to Dr. Earnley most proposals approved by the Curriculum Committee are sent directly to the College President. Some changes must, however, be approved by the College Steering Committee before they reach President Dimitry.

Two major programs now under consideration are Fire Protection and Safety Technology as well as Law Enforcement and Security Administration.

Dr. Earnley expects that many more programs and changes will be proposed later in the semester.

Trip Scheduled to Italy and Greece

by Patricia Collins
course may do so.

Persons not attending Northern Essex who wish to earn three college credits, will be required to pay a registration fee in addition to the travel costs, which are moderate.

Northern Essex offered a similar trip to Mexico last winter, and according to Mrs. Grise, it was well received.

WORDS OF WISDOM

One can judge the distance he has from people by leaving them.

One can also judge the distance by joining them.

—Antonio Porcha

A trip to Italy and Greece for credit is being offered by Northern Essex this January.

A group of one-hundred people including students, teachers, and local residents will have the opportunity to travel for twelve days in these countries.

Other colleges affiliated with the program include: the University of Lowell, Middlesex Community College, and Cape Cod Community College. Students from the University of New Hampshire and Quinsigamond Community College will also participate.

The itinerary includes stops in Rome, Athens, and Sorrento with a New Year's Eve cruise to Greece scheduled.

A related humanities course is now being taught and it covers the history of Italy and Greece as well as the art and culture of both countries, past and present. Mrs. Coirine Grise, coordinator of the program at Northern Essex said the course offers students a better understanding of ethnic groups in the community and throughout the Merrimack Valley. However, people who wish to take the trip without participating in the

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By BRYAN EATON

It's been a week since the 40-ton, seven-year-old whale was washed up on, and buried at, Salisbury Beach. The whale, a humpback, had died, according to experts, a week before landing at Salisbury Beach, Saturday night, October 9.

The whale was sighted by fishermen in Gloucester two days before floating to shore. Salisbury Police spotted it at 4 a.m. during a check of the beach. By Sunday morning word had already spread rapidly. Thousands of visitors came to view and photograph this rarity, despite the "ripe" odor, during the three days it lay on the beach. People on their way to the mountains for the weekend stopped to see the whale. Even the Boston news crews came to televise the event.

The disposal of the whale had to be undertaken by the state, as it was on state property. Frank Euele, of the

state Department of Natural Resources, asked for help from the National Guard. The idea to tow the whale out to sea was turned down because the water was too shallow to get in a Coast Guard cutter.

The decision was made to bury the whale. The digging began at noon Tuesday, Oct. 12. When the hole was dug, bulldozers, from the National Guard armory, rolled the mass of blubber in. The work was completed about 9:30 p.m., with the whale six feet under sand.

Skeptical residents question the action taken by authorities in the disposal of the mammal. Some fear that the hot summer sun next year, aided by the decomposition of the whale, will produce unpleasant odors. Officials assured the residents that such a problem won't exist and that the addition of lime to the beach sand will retard the smell. Time will tell.